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Report the Annual General Meeting

Welcome to the Chimo Gymnastics Club 2022-2023 Annual General Meeting.

Chimo Gymnastics Club has once again had an outstanding year. Our programs continue to be stable and well attended. The return to “normal” activities and somewhat regular programming in the 2022-2023 season was a welcomed relief from the covid restrictions of the previous three years. Our focus in the 2022-2023 season was to continue to rebuild programs and adjust class schedules to maximize time, staff availability and address ongoing waitlist

Chimo is in a strong financial position. With that the Board of Directors voted to not increase fees in 2022-2023 for hourly programs. Our rates continue to be highly competitive with other programs in the Valley and other clubs on Vancouver Island. The Board will do a complete review of the fee structure for the programs going into the 2023-24 season.

We have continued to receive a gaming grant. The grant is used to replace/purchase equipment and support programs. Fundraising was not fully pursued. We did our annual cash raffle and raised \$5000.00 towards additional equipment.

As covid minimized the number of certification programs offered, Gymnastics BC was able to increase coach training courses. Chimo trained three recreational coaches in the foundations level of gymnastics. These are young coaches who are current athletes or have retired from competition. They work in recreational and summer camp programs.

Chimo was also able to have three full time coaches attend competition three training in December 2022. This was the first course of this level run covid. This program is for coaches of competitive athletes and is required for coaches who are coaching athletes at the Provincial and National levels.

The Chimo coaching staff continues to deliver quality programs and excellent coaching for all our participants. Continuing education in atypical learners, child safety and additional gymnastics specific skills was ongoing and a focus for our staff.

Jennifer Fisher, club registrar, continued to deliver excellent customer service to our members. She worked diligently in keeping members up to date with registration deadlines, insurance updates and closures. Jennifer has been refining many areas of our registration system and works closely with Uplifter and Activity messenger on adding new features to assist us.

Below is a number comparison of our Recreational participation from the last two seasons.

Recreational Program Registrations								
	Winter 2021	Spring 2021	July 2022	Fall 2022 (22-23 fiscal)	Winter 2023	Spring 2023	July 2023	August 2023 (next fiscal)
Spots offered	705	661		690	772	665		
Registered	651	650	228	646	712	649	215	164
%	92%	98%		94%	98%	97%		

The data above shows our program numbers continue to be stable. The trend is that our spring classes show lower registration. This is “usual” as many families move to other sports in the spring.

Summer Camps continue to be popular. We have had difficulty staffing our summer programs and have accommodated as many camps and classes as possible based on staff availability. The summer staffing issues seem to be common across the sector, with many clubs dropping full day camp programs.

Chimo was able to partner with the Black Creek Community center to offer pre-school and recreational classes for the community once per week. The program was successful with three out of three classes filling each session. Members have expressed gratitude for the club providing the satellite program. Our staff of Riley McEachnie, Jessie Dukes and Desiree Duyzer made the trip out to Black Creek each Friday, set up and took down equipment and ran active productive classes. We will continue the partnership and satellite programming in hopes of one day being able to expand to other areas.

Chimo was also able to offer additional support to our neurotypical participants. This was incredibly appreciated by the mother of one participant telling me “My child hasn’t been able to finish a session of any activity, but with the help of Desiree, he is thriving and loving gymnastics!”. This was a proud moment for our programs and staff.

Invitational and Competitive Programs also continue to be stable. Our programs participate in an average of eight competitions per season that are both on and off the Island. Competitive results continue to be strong in all Canadian Competitive Categories, Xcel and Interclub meets.

Invitational Program Numbers			
	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Xcel+CCP	28	30	27
Dev	11	9	11
IC/Gymnaestrada	8	7	10
Total	46	46	48

Coaches Saskia Berndt, Kelly Heffernan and Trevor Nagy and Riley McEachnie were diligent in their planning and preparation of the WAG program athletes. Chimo athletes achieved multiple “prizes” at multiple meets. Many athletes achieved personal bests in the All around and apparatus competitions.

More results are covered in the WAG Program coordinators report.

In closing, I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their continued work on behalf of the athletes of Chimo Gymnastics Club.

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Chimo is fortunate to have a dedicated group of volunteers, staff and coaches who all contribute to the success of our club! Thank you everyone for another great year!

Kyna Fletcher
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Chimo Gymnastics Club